

GAWAD SAKA
SEARCH FOR OUSTANDING FARMER/ FISHERFOLK FAMILY

I. RATIONALE

The Philippines is predominantly an agricultural country. Our Government, therefore, gives priority to the development of agriculture to enable the 70 % of Filipinos who live in the rural areas and dependent on agriculture for their main source of livelihood, to maximize their contributions to the national economy. Hence, the Filipino Farm/Fisherfolk has been referred to as the “backbone of the nation”, the “focus of our economic recovery” and the “indispensable partner in the national venture” so much so that Article IV, Section 3, of the Constitution provides that “ The State shall defend the right of families or family associations to participate in the planning and implementation of policies and programs that affect them”.

As a family enterprise, farming/fishing and/or agribusiness in this country is undertaken as a joint collaborative effort among the head, the spouse and their children. Together, they take farming/fishing and/or agribusiness as family activities- tilling the soil. Pond preparation, fishing, planting the seeds, monitoring plant health and growth, harvesting/marketing the produce and other agriculture related activities as team effort for the sake of producing food for the entire Philippine populace. Thus, the family as entrepreneur who contribute significantly to the development of the rural sector.

For this invaluable contribution, the Department of Agriculture deems it fitting to pay tribute to the farmer/ fisherfolk family by launching the “. Search for the Outstanding Farmer/Fisherfolk Family of the Year (OFFFY)”. This endeavor is expected to motivate and weld the farm family as a cohesive productive force in our society and recognize it as one of the cores of our socio-economic development efforts. It is also designed to give recognition to those ideally contributed to our country’s food productivity and self-sufficiency. Moreover, the search for OFFFY aims to promote wholesome family farmer/fisherfolk life that will serve as model for the present and succeeding generations.

II. OBJECTIVES

A. General

1. To conduct annual search for Outstanding Farmer/ Fisherfolk Family.
2. To come up with awardees who are beyond reproach.

B. Specific

1. To recognize the exemplary performance of farmer/fisherfolk families engaged in agricultural, fishery, rural and social development undertaking.
2. To contribute to agriculture and fishery development by strengthening the farmer/fisherfolk family approach.
3. To project farming/ fishing as a productive and profitable enterprise for the Filipino family.
4. To pay tribute to farmer/fisherfolk family entrepreneur as role model to the rest of the farm/fisherfolk families for country side development.

III. SCOPE/ QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINEES:

1. The family's major source of income should be farming/fishing and/or agribusiness for a period of at least five (5) years. They must be a Filipino family of good moral character, duly certified by the barangay chairman.
2. The parents are full-time farmer/ fisherfolks or engaged in fishing and the family members are actively participating in farming or fishing and agribusiness;
3. The farm family actually tills not more than five (5) hectares. The family may either be landowner, lessee or tenant;

If fisherfolk family, may own either of the following:

- A fishing boat and a fishing gear of not more than 3 gross tons;
 - Fishpond of not more than 5 hectares;
 - Fish cages (1 ha. Surface area or less)
 - Seafarm (1 ha. Or less)
 - Fishpens (3 hectares)
4. Any one member of the family must be an active member of agri-based rural organization or fishery organization; and
 5. The family must demonstrate that they are able to enjoy the basic needs of life through farming or fishing and agribusiness.
 6. Must be in good credit standing, if a loan borrower.

IV. CRITERIA FOR RATING:

1. Farm/fishery Management and Profitability
 - a. Farm/ Fishery Planning and Budgeting
 - b. Farm/ Fishery home Management Practice
 - c. Farm/home Lot/Fishery Productivity and Profitability
2. Farmer/Fisherfolk Family Life
 - a. Farm/Fishery Home Life and Resource Management
3. Community Leadership/Participation/Contribution/Achievements
 - a. Active Leadership/participation in any farmer/fisherfolk civic organization
 - b. Community Activities
 - c. Economic Contribution of the family
 - d. Family Achievements

V. SELECTION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Duly filled up personal data (OFFFY Form 1) and nomination (OFFFY Form 2) forms with two (2) latest pictures.
2. All documents and materials indicating specific meritorious contributions. Accomplishments in the field of endeavor.
3. Nominator's validation/justification for proposing the award.
4. Family profile of nominee.
5. Farm/Fishery plan budget.
6. Farm/Fishery profit record
7. Farm/Fisherfolk family household expense account for two (2) years.
8. Evidence of Income Tax Return (ITR) payment for two (2) years (if exempted, certificate of tax exemption) duly certified by the BIR.
9. Certified true/Xeroxed copy of certificate of marriage of affidavit of two parties attesting the marriage.
10. Fact sheet which contains the justification for the nomination and/or outstanding accomplishment during the year.
11. Relevant photographs with explanatory captions.
12. Five (5) - minute video coverage which features the nominee's project based on the criteria.

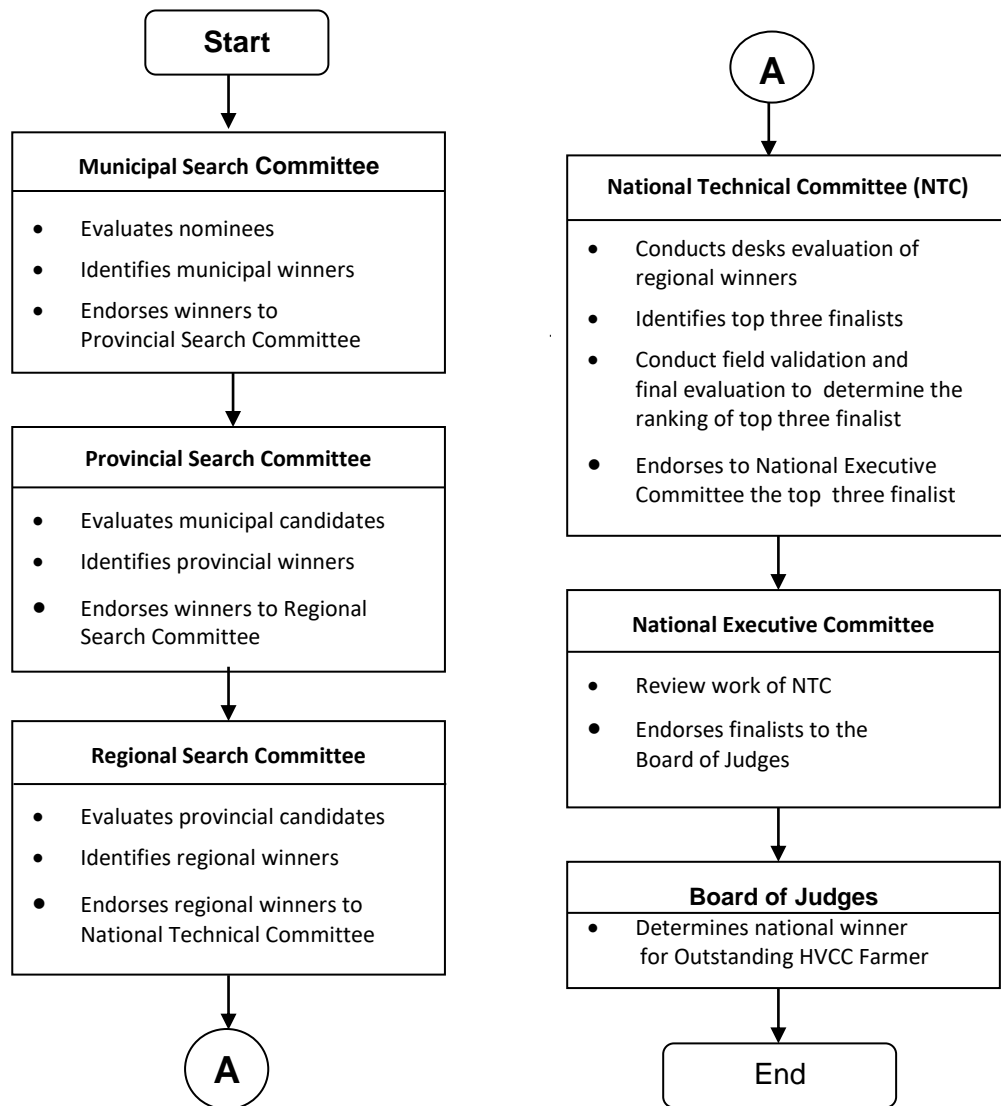
VI. SEARCH RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Nomination shall be made on the prescribed forms by any individual who is a non-Department of Agriculture employee, a civic organization or a farmers' association;
2. Only qualified nominees and with complete scrap book and records of operations stated in the selection requirements will be considered for evaluation.;
3. A national winner shall not be eligible for nomination in the same category in DA Annual Search within five (5) years after winning the award;
4. The performance period of two (2) years preceding the start of the search will be covered for evaluation;
5. Only one (1) regional winner or entry shall be properly endorsed by the region, and shall be considered for national evaluation;
6. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final;
7. The national winner's scrap book, video tape and other documents submitted for evaluation shall become the property of the Department of Agriculture.

VII. SEARCH AND EVALUATION PROCESS

The search shall be conducted at the barangay level with local communities or local residents identifying prospective outstanding farmer/ fisherfolk/ fishfarmer families. The nominating individual or organization the collects information about them assists them in preparing a scrap book containing the Documentary Requirements and submits the nomination forms and scrap book to the Municipal Search Committee.

The evaluation process begins at the Municipal level and ends at the National Level. The following is the evaluation procedure:



**PERSONAL DATA FORM
SEARCH FOR THE OUTSTANDING FARMER/ FISHERFOLK FAMILY**

1. Name of Husband : _____
 (Head of the Family) (Last Name) (First name) (Middle Name)
2. Address: _____
 (Barangay) (Town) (Province)
3. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
4. Educational Attainment : _____
5. Name of Spouse : _____
6. Date of Birth of Spouse : _____
7. Number of Household members:

Name	Relationship to Respondent	Age	Educational Attainment	Occupation
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

8. House:

- Owned
- Rented
- Others, specify

If owned,

- Had it constructed
- Bought
- Inherited
- Others, specify

9. Lot:

- Lease
- Owned
- Rented
- Gift
- Others, specify

10. Farm Location (km. from the house) : _____

11. Farm Area Present Are (ha) _____ Original (ha) _____

12. Tenure: _____ Owner: _____ Lease: _____ Tenant: _____

13. Do you have a farm/Fishery plan and budget? ()Yes () No

14. Do you keep record including farm/fishery operations, production expenses, and income?
() Yes () No

15. Main Farmer/Fishery Enterprise

16. What home yard projects do you have? How do these project help augment your family income?
Indicate the details of the specific home yard projects your family undertake.

<u>Type of project</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Gross Income</u>	<u>Net Income</u>
Crops/livestock/processing/ food trades/fishery/other IGPs inc. off-farm	(heads/kgs/pcs)		(Per Year)

17. Community involvement/Participation/Contribution/Achievement

1. Membership in civic organization/association related to agriculture & significant contribution

<u>Position</u>	<u>Organization/ Association</u>	<u>Significant Contributions</u>
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a. Husband

b. Wife

2. Involvement in Community Activities for the past 3 years. (Describe briefly):

3. How many of your Children are current members of civic/a 4-h club and/or any agriculture related organization? Enumerate & describe its participation.

4. Community Standing/ Activities (for the past 3 years) Describe briefly:

A. Economic Contribution of the family (Describe briefly):

B. Awards and recognition by the family members for the last 5 years.

Signature of Head of Family
Above Printed Name

Tax Account No. _____
Res. Cert. No. _____

Submitted by:

Chairman, RAFC

Recommended by:

Regional Director

NOTE: At the municipal level, signatories should be the MAFC. At the provincial level, signatories should be the PAFC Chairman.

**NOMINATION FORM
SEARCH FOR THE OUTSTANDING FARMER/FISHERFOLK FAMILY OF
THE YEAR**

NAME : _____

ADDRESS : _____

PROVINCE/REGION : _____

Justification/Reason for Nomination:

Nominated by : _____

Position : _____

Address : _____

Attested by : _____

(Signature Above Printed Name)

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Indicators	Points Distribution		
I. Farm Management and Profitability	45		
A. Farm/Fishery Plan Budget		5	
1. Farm Plan			3
Do you have a farm lay-out of your farm?			
2. Work and Financial Plan/Budget			2
Do you have work and financial plan/budget for the entire year?			
B. Farm/Fishery Management Practice		20	
1. Adoption of Appropriate Management Technologies (from DA/BMPs)			7
Crops Use of high-yielding varieties Water Management Soil and fertilizer management Livestock Livestock sanitation & disease control Feeds and feeding management Breeding Management Others, specify Fishery Aquaculture High quality genetic stocks Environment-friendly culture method Good stock manipulation Good water quality management Selection of good quality fry Proper stocking density Feeds and bio feeding Marine Use of environment-friendly gear (eg. Non-destructive gear mesh size of net should not be less than 3 cm) fishing gear of not more than 3 tons Effectiveness of gear (economic/income) Processing Maximize utilization of low commercial value species to reduce p-h losses Application of sanitation and hygiene Production of good quality product Application of proper packaging More than 2 technologies =7 1 – 2 technologies =5			

2. Application of improved/ development technologies (initiated by the farmer; up scaled throughout the farm)			3
What are the improved/developed technologies that are being implemented/ applied in the farm?			
3. Post Harvest Handling/Practices			5
Do you observe proper post harvest handling practices? (drying pavement/thresher/milling/proper icing/proper container transport)			
4. Marketing Technique			5
Where do you sell your produce? Cooperative or other Marketing Entity (as Supplier) =5 Retailer or Direct Buyer =4 Others =3			
C. Farm/Fishery Enterprise (Agricultural Production)	20		
1. Farm Journal Do you maintain a farm journal?			5
2. Financial Statement/Net Income Generated			5
3. Return on Investment/Farm Enterprise Profitability >200% ROI = 10 150-200% ROI =9 100-150% ROI =8 <100% ROI =7			10
II. FARM/FISHERFOLK Family Life	35		
A. Farm/Fisherfolk Family Resource Management	5		
1. Cleanliness and Home/backyard Organization			3
2. Nutrition, Health and Sanitation			2
B. Home Lot Productivity	6		
1. Backyard Productivity (poultry & livestock production & crop cultivation within the backyard)			3
2. Agri-related projects (studies and initiatives) eg. Vermi production, vermitea,			3
C. Farm/Fisherfolk Family Enterprise Continuity	16		
1. Emphasis on importance of agricultural education Have the family members attended agricultural-related trainings? Is agricultural education encouraged?			3
2. Technology transfer within family members Are the family members aware of significant aspects of the agriculture enterprise? How is this done?			3
3. Family member participation in farm work What are the roles of each member of the family in the agriculture enterprise?			5

4. Enterprise continuity (Agriculture production enthusiasts among members) Do you have any members of your family who is interested in continuing the agriculture enterprise? How do you see your enterprise in the next 5 years?			5
D. Family Relationship		8	
1. Religious duties			2
2. Recreational activities/leisure time			2
3. Household duties			2
4. Home management			2
III. Contribution to Community and Achievements	20		
A. Participation in civic Organizations Related to agriculture		10	
1. Membership and attendance			3
2. Significant Contributions to the community Extension worker, resource person, with awards =7 Extension worker with awards =6 With awards alone =5			7
B. Economic Contribution		5	
1. Provision of Employment Opportunities Do you provide jobs? 5 or more jobs =5 3-4 jobs =4 1-2 jobs =3			5
C. Entrepreneurial Initiatives		5	
1. Other Agri-related ventures (e.g. manufacturing and processing, buying and selling of agricultural products) What are other agri-related ventures that your family is involve in? How did you start? Did you seek the intervention of the government? (LGU, DA-RFU, other government agencies)			5